

**TODAY and
TOMORROW**

Gandhiji's Leadership

WAVELL'S Simla negotiations and the latest statement of the new India Secretary have established beyond all doubt that the British Government will not come forward with even the smallest political concessions or offer to transfer power to the Indian people. But great damage has been done by the Congress Working Committee's wholesale surrender to the British Viceroy. Their action has greatly helped the British in their propaganda that Britain's war of aggression is India's war also and that Indian manpower and material resources must be sacrificed unflinchingly to help British imperialism.

Taking advantage of the Congress Working Committee's offer of co-operation with their war effort, the British Government in India have started the most vigorous drives for army recruitment and for war loans and forced gifts. In their recruitment drives, however, the British are meeting with little success. Because decent young men in India will have nothing to do with the British war effort, the British are recruiting criminal convicts, mostly lifers, straight from prison cells to the British frontlines. They are supposed to have had their training in jail!

While the Indian people refuse the least co-operation to the British war effort, it was certainly a great mistake on the part of the Congress Working Committee to make all sorts of unwarranted pledges to the British Viceroy without consulting the will of the Indian people by calling at least a meeting of the All-India Congress Committee. And perhaps, the Working Committee had to go through the whole farce of the Simla Conference, because having once completely surrendered to the British Government, they could not back out on what they called minor issues.

But once the Simla Conference had ended in complete failure, clearly it was the duty of the Congress Working Committee to bring the utmost pressure to bear upon the British Viceroy and to force him to release all political prisoners, and then to let the main body of the Congress express its will and to give the masses the right kind of leadership for the achievement of their cherished aim.

To Indians in East Asia who are closely watching developments in India, there is one saving fact to redeem the dark picture of events that have resulted from the pessimism and defeatism of a few leaders. Mahatmaji has not associated himself with the total reversal of Congress policy that the Congress Working Committee has made most unwarrantedly. Gandhiji always knows and gives expression to the will of the masses.

Even if he does not take upon himself the actual leadership of the Indian people, Gandhiji will directly help by seeing that the will of the masses is not thwarted. It now remains for the youth and the strong-minded patriots of India to organize and plan the ways and means of making the anti-British revolution most effective.

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Joint Move To Uplift Frozen India Dollar Assets Contemplated

Results Of Economist's American Sojourn

Lisbon, Aug. 12 (Domei)—Utilizing America's keen business interest in future Indian economy, Indian industrialists are hoping to secure American collaboration in bringing pressure to bear on the British Government in a move towards releasing India's frozen dollar assets, according to a Reuter dispatch from London.

India's intention to embark on such a policy was indicated by A. D. Shroff, Financial Adviser to the Tata Group, who arrived in London yesterday after touring the United States.

Shroff laid the blame for the controversy over India's dollar assets on Britain's reconversion from war to peace production.

"If Britain was in the position to meet India's requirements immediately, then India would not be so anxious about her dollar assets," he said.

"India is in a serious dilemma. She wants capital goods and services urgently for her reconstruction and industrialization programs. She is quite willing for Britain to supply these needs. But if Britain cannot meet them, then India must get them elsewhere. This is the reason why she needs her dollar assets immediately."

Shroff said that the American tour resulted in the emergence of two new factors in India's favour. Firstly, he said that several American trade associations have decided to make a representation to the State Department for the removal of controls on India's dollar assets. Secondly, he declared that he found American business circles and official quarters in Washington appreciative of India's difficulties.

Shroff indicated that India hopes to take advantage of America's keen business interest in India's future economic development to launch a joint Indo-American move towards releasing Indian dollar assets in London.

It is believed that if the British Government complies with India's demand for the release of India's dollar assets, Indian industrialists will then go another step further in an effort to secure the conversion of at least a part of India's huge Sterling assets into dollar.

Buddhist Priest To Make Extensive Comfort Tour

Tokyo, August 12 (Domei)—Count Kosho Otani, Chief Abbot of the Nishi Honganji Temple, will make an extensive tour of devastated areas throughout the country beginning August 17.

In the course of his tour he will hold open air talks for enhancement of the fighting spirit among war sufferers, and memorial services for air raid victims.

SUBMARINE UNIT SINKS SHIPS IN OKINAWA WATERS

Dai Honyei Statement Reveals Attack On Enemy Convoy

Tokyo, Aug. 13 (Domei)—Dai Honyei in a communique released at 3.30 p.m. yesterday announced that our submarine unit attacked an enemy convoy in waters south-east of Okinawa on the afternoon of Aug. 11 and sank three craft thereof.

Nippon Air Units Cripple Foe Transport Off Okinawa

A Nippon Base on Ryukyu Island, Aug. 13 (Domei)—Nippon air units in an attack on enemy surface craft in waters around Okinawa Island on Friday night crippled one large transport.

56 Foe Planes Blasted In Raid Over Tohoku

Tokyo, Aug. 13 (Domei)—Nippon ground batteries shot down 41 enemy planes and heavily damaged 15 others during the course of the enemy carrier-borne raid on Tohoku district on the two days Aug. 9 and 10, it was disclosed yesterday afternoon. These war results are all definitely confirmed.

Nippon Red Cross Society's Installation Ceremony

Tokyo, August 10 (Domei)—His Imperial Highness Prince Nobuhito Takamatsu was formally installed as patron of the Nippon Red Cross Society at a ceremony held here this morning.

CHUNGKING NEEDS GOODS & NOT GOLD, ASSERTS AMERICAN JOURNAL

Lisbon, August 9 (Domei)—In an editorial entitled "China Needs Goods Not Gold," the "New York Sun" today said that the lack of supplies of goods is the chief reason for the inflation in Chungking, according to a New York dispatch.

Terming the shipment of American gold to Chungking as being "senseless," the journal said, "The United States began an outrageous pouring of gold down that sink many months ago after a tacit promise by the Treasury that gold representing credit to China would stay here and the funds would be used to purchase supplies in this country."

"If gold is merely to be sold and hoarded around Chungking,

Frontier National Leaders Meet Pandit Nehru; Jinnah Urges Release Of Azad-Wavell Letters To Remove Allegations Against Muslim League

British Journal Pleads For Quick Solution Of India Political Crisis

Reflecting the fears of certain sections of the British population that the new Labour Government will have no success in the efforts to effect a political compromise in India unless the new Secretary of State for India took quick and effective action, the "Manchester Guardian" has commented in an editorial last Saturday on the recent press statement of Lord Pethick-Lawrence.

The paper says that Pethick-Lawrence's declaration that he wished to see India achieve a position of real partnership with Britain is an admirable expression of a sentiment which must be translated quickly into action, the paper mischievously suggests that the Indian demand for immediate freedom can be sidetracked by such measures as the discreet release of political prisoners and the removal of restrictions on the activities of moderate sections of the Congress and other nationalist organizations.

The Anglo-Americans are determined that while India shall be bled white for their war effort and for the U.N.R.R.A., India could very well afford to solve the problem of relief for the vast and suffering millions of its population. Or if the problem could not be solved, which is bound to be the fact, the Indian people can very well suffer and perish.

That is the attitude of the British Government in India which has assured the U.N.R.R.A. that the India Government assumes full responsibility for the solution of internal relief problems in India and that the U.N.R.R.A. need not bother to spend any part of their huge funds on the Indian people.

Jawaharlal On Political Pilgrimage To London?

A New Delhi report states that the leaders of Nationalist movements in the prominently Muslim areas of Northwest India met for discussions in Srinagar on Thursday. They were joined by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru who along with Maulana Abul Kalam Azad are in Srinagar in connection with the States Peoples' Conference which has concluded its session.

Another New Delhi report says that Mr. Jinnah has again urged the Viceroy and the Congress President, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad to release the correspondence that passed between them. In a statement to the press on Thursday, Mr. Jinnah said the publication of this correspondence was necessary because of the very serious allegations made against the Muslim League as being responsible for the failure of the Simla Conference.

Mr. Jinnah contends that technically and morally both the Viceroy and the President of the Congress were bound to place the whole correspondence before the public. Mr. Jinnah then reminds that the Congress President had agreed at Simla after the failure of the Conference that he would release the correspondence. He should not now become so servile and forfeit his right in deference to the Viceroy's wishes, but place the whole truth before the public.

A dispatch from London received here on Saturday states that considerable interest has been aroused in Indian nationalist circles in London by a report from Bombay suggesting that Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru may fly to Britain for a visit in the interests of Indian independence.

Pandit Nehru's going to England to renew his contacts in that country is quite understandable, but to suggest that he is doing so in the interests of Indian independence is absurd. No sensible Indian believes that independence can be had by going to Britain's door with the begging bowl.

Foe Bombing And Strafing Attack On Matsuyama City

Osaka, Aug. 13 (Domei)—Seventy super-forts escorted by some 15 Thunderbolt fighters made a bombing and strafing attack on Matsuyama City on Shikoku yesterday morning. Almost simultaneously five other super-forts and 15 Thunderbolts operated over the coast of Iyonada of the same island before they withdrew toward the sea by about noon.

Most Critical Period Facing Italian Nation

Lisbon, Aug. 12 (Domei)—Revisiting Italy after five months one finds cause for alarm as there is no doubt the most critical period since the armistice two years ago is fast approaching. A Reuter correspondent reported from Rome today in a lengthy dispatch analyzing the Italian situation.

"It is obvious too the forthcoming meeting of foreign secretaries in London is coming none too soon and everyone here (Rome) hopes the formulation of a peace treaty with Italy will not be one of those interminable affairs of settling disputed frontiers, disposition of colonies, reparations, military establishments and the like which could easily go on for many months," the correspondent said.

The writer declared that captured German and Fascist arms and those given to partisans and not returned "make a formidable threat in case of civil strife." Brigandage and lawlessness in all forms, the correspondent continued, "is very serious in every part of Italy and the police are still far too weak to handle the situation." Italian Premier Ferruccio Parri pointed out the situation in Anglo-American provinces is worse than in areas under the direct control of the Italian Government, the correspondent said.

The writer said that the Italian Premier and other ministers whom he saw, as well as Anglo-American authorities, all confessed to being worried in varying degrees about the prevalence of hidden arms.

The question of hidden arms impinges upon two vital factors—the proposed withdrawal of Anglo-American troops from Italy and the forthcoming elections for a constituent assembly, he said.

Many Italians, including Vice-Premier Pietro Nenni, believe it would be better if Anglo-American troops remain through the elections in order to prevent possible disorder. They hope that the Anglo-American troops, however, will clear out swiftly after the election.

The correspondent continued, "Italy has far from settled down. The North has only been liberated three months ago and is still in ferment." Regionalism is stronger than it has been for some time.

"Political dissension has by no means ended," the writer said. "Six parties of the Committee of National Liberation have merely agreed to disagree until the elections. They hold on to the government with one hand and pummel each other with the free hand. Roughly, there is the same division of the Right and Left as last winter, with the Christian Democrats, Liberals and Democratic Labour on the Right, and Communists, Socialists and Actionists on the Left. But within these larger groupings, there are minor frictions."

Over One Million U.S. War Casualties To Date

Lisbon, August 9 (Domei)—A Washington dispatch today reported that total casualties suffered by the United States forces since the outbreak of the war now total 1,063,000, or an increase of 7,000 over the past week.

U.S. Now Considering "Awa Maru" Indemnity

Lisbon, August 10 (Domei)—In a move regarded as a virtual admission of its responsibility for the sinking of the Nippon mercy ship "Awa Maru," the United States Government has expressed willingness to give full consideration to Nippon's demands for indemnity as well as other problems arising from the sinking of the vessel, according to a Washington dispatch today.

The American Government's intention today was disclosed with the publication of its note addressed to Nippon on June 29, which was given in answer to repeated Nipponese representations over the loss of the Nipponese relief ship.

Although it proposed that the negotiations concerning indemnity be postponed until the end of the war, the American Government stated that any political contingencies which may arise in the future would not be allowed to influence its intention to give full consideration to the matter.

At the same time, the United States Government proposed to grant a ship of equal importance and capacity to the Nipponese Government as a replacement for the sinking of the "Awa Maru" on the condition that the ship would be used for facilitating the shipment of relief supplies to American war prisoners and internees in Nippon hands.

The "Awa Maru," it will be recalled left Nippon with relief supplies for American war prisoners and internees in the Southern Regions on February 17, this year. The ship "disappeared" on its return journey to Nippon, and after repeated inquiries were made by the Nipponese Government, the United States disclosed that the ship was sunk by an American submarine owing to a "mistake" in the straits of Taiwan on April 1. Over 1,000 persons, including women and children, were lost in the disaster.

Determined Resistance Offered To Soviet Forces

By a Domei War Correspondent. Hsinking, Aug. 13 (Domei)—The Nippon-Kwantung army is offering determined resistance to the Soviet offensive which is rapidly spreading along the entire border region.

On the eastern border front Soviet forces penetrated into Manchoukuo territory at several points, apparently with the intention of making a wholesale breakthrough of our defence line. Spearheaded by tank units, the enemy who is ruthlessly destroying civilian dwellings in his path, is steadily bringing up reinforcements from the rear. Part of enemy forces have reached Hunchun and Chunhua but at strategic points in this sector however, the Nippon-Kwantung army in co-operation with Manchoukuo forces are firmly holding their defence line, checking the enemy offensive with effective counter-attacks.

No major developments have so far been witnessed in the northern border front. Enemy activities in this sector are gradually being intensified.

On the western border front Soviet forces which invaded the Manchuli-Sanho sector are at present attacking Hajlar. The Nippon garrison in the latter

Pres. Truman Reveals Secret Military Pacts

Lisbon, August 10 (Domei)—Contradicting his earlier emphatic statement that no "secret agreement" was concluded at the "Big Three" conference, American President Harry Truman, in his first radio address to the American people following his return from Europe, last night admitted that secret military commitments had been made, including the question of Soviet entry into the war against Nippon, according to a Washington dispatch.

He claimed, however, that no secret commitments were reached regarding political issues. Truman, furthermore, maintained that the Soviet Union agreed to enter the Pacific struggle before it was informed that the United States possessed a new secret destructive bomb for use against Nippon.

Indicating that the United States plans to follow a definitely imperialistic policy, the American President emphatically stated, "We are going to maintain military bases necessary for the complete protection of our interests and world peace—bases which our military experts deem essential for our protection, and that which are not now in our possession, we will acquire."

Truman, however, failed to clarify what constituted the exact extent of so-called American interests. The American President's statement regarding America's territorial designs is believed to have been prompted with the object of mitigating widespread criticism from certain American sources, especially naval quarters, over his recent Berlin statement in which he stated that the United States harboured no territorial ambitions whatsoever.

Truman said that the United States would continue to resort to the use of its new secret bomb in its attacks against Nippon cities and civilians so long as the Nipponese continue to resist.

6,000 Additional Penang Families Go To Farming

Penang, Aug. 11 (Domei)—The present Government scheme to migrate 6,000 additional families to food-growing farms in Province Wellesley is considered a farsighted step in view of the critical war situation, agreed local authoritative quarters.

Somewhat similar to the evacuation scheme planned by the authorities in Syonan, where non-essentials are leaving for safer places in northern and central Malai, this step will not only depopulate Penang but also help to increase food production.

Of the total 6,000 families, half have been allotted to the Penang Oversea-Chinese Association. Meanwhile, Heah Joo-seang, chairman of the Association, asking local Chinese to come forward, gave assurance that the Oversea-Chinese Association will stand behind the settlers, placing its resources at their disposal.

area is putting up fierce resistance, exacting heavy toll from the enemy. Part of enemy forces in this sector are apparently planning to drive a wedge into our defence zone in Northern Manchoukuo. In concert with these forces another enemy column crossed the Haluha River advancing to the west of Lichuan. Other enemy forces are meanwhile heading southward for Linsi.

Russians Effectively Checked In All Fronts

Hsinking, Aug. 13. (Domei)—Kwantung Army Headquarters in an announcement released yesterday noon revealed that combined Nippon and Manchoukuoan forces are effectively intercepting the Soviet Army which invaded the Manchoukuoan and Chosen sectors.

The war situation as announced by the Kwantung Army Headquarters is as follows:

EASTERN BORDER

Firstly, in Northern Chosen part of Soviet troops have been checked in their advance between Yuki and Rashin.

Secondly, part of Soviet troops during the daytime on August 11 attacked Hunchun and our forces are putting up fierce interception, thereby exacting heavy toll of enemy lives.

Thirdly, part of the enemy on August 10 made a thrust into the Chunhua sector in other border regions of the aforesaid area, and our forces are forestalling Soviet attempts at infiltration.

Fourthly, our Tungning garrison is putting up a stubborn fight to frustrate enemy invasion.

Fifthly, following penetration from the northern sector of Suifengho powerful enemy forces from the night of August 11 are continuing to advance gradually to the north-western sector of Muling. Our forces are now ready to intercept the enemy advance.

Sixthly, in Tungan Province detailed information is unavailable but the enemy seems to be checked at all points in his invasion attempt, and no major development has taken place.

NORTHERN SECTOR

Firstly, in Tungkiang Province the infiltrating enemy on the afternoon of August 11 gradually advanced toward Pukin.

Secondly, in Heiho Province the enemy advance has been checked by our garrison on the Amur River. However, the vanguard of enemy troops of various fronts seem to be preparing to cross the river with their main strength and advance against our main position.

WESTERN SECTOR

Firstly, in the Hailar sector under heavy enemy pressure our garrison is inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. Part of enemy troops are carrying out infiltration.

Secondly, in the Outer Mongolian sector a strong force of the enemy's spearhead yesterday afternoon advanced toward Lichuan.

Thirdly, other enemy forces are advancing southward to the Linsi area.

Fourthly, no great changes are noticeable in the Paituhsien sector.

Meanwhile, a small number of enemy planes bombed Hajlar, Harbin, Kirin, Lalin and Chiamussu on August 9 and also Mutankiang on August 11. Only negligible damage was caused.

American Destroyer And Submarine Lost

Lisbon, Aug. 12 (Domei)—The United States Navy Department yesterday announced the loss of the submarine Bonefish and destroyer Callaghan with a total of 210 casualties. It said the Callaghan was lost in the Okinawa area with casualties including three killed, 49 missing and 73 wounded.

Irish Nationals Evacuate To Upcountry Destination

Syonan, Aug. 12 (Domei)—Taking advantage of the authorities' offer to all non-combatants not engaged in essential services to evacuate to safety, four Irish nationals, including three women, were among the latest batch of evacuees who left Syonan Saturday night by train for evacuation centres in central and northern Malai.

Saturdays' departure, with almost 500 evacuees comprising the party, brings the total number of repatriates to date to well over the 3,500-mark. Centres where stops will be made by the evacuation train for evacuees to detain include Kuala Lumpur, Ipoh and Taiping.

Meanwhile, hundreds of letters of appreciation to the authorities as well as to various public welfare organizations have arrived here from the first few batches of evacuees, most of whom expressed deep gratitude for all the assistance rendered them both by the Syonan authorities and the various upcountry administrations and community bodies.

Cripps Stresses Shortage Of Textiles In Britain

The acute shortage of cotton in Britain was emphasised by Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, at a meeting of employers and workers on Saturday. Cripps said that the shortage would result in an extremely unpalatable clothing ration in the near future.

According to the Wall Street Journal, even the termination of the Pacific War will not bring about a rapid readjustment of economic conditions in the United States. The Journal reveals that the Office of Price Administration is not likely to relax its rationing and price control for some time.

This will undoubtedly meet with great public resistance, once fighting is at an end. Among the many rationed necessities, the Journal mentions meat, fat, oils, coal and shoes as unlikely to be removed from the list for a long time.

Citation Granted To Lingayen War Heroes

Tokyo, August 12 (Domei)—The War Ministry announced that a report has been submitted to the Throne that a citation had been granted by the Supreme Commander of the Nippon forces in the Philippine sector to 19 heroes, including eight members of a flame-thrower unit under Sergeant Yoshio Nakamura and other members of a demolition unit, surprise attack unit and storming attack unit.

These men were cited for distinguished services rendered to the nation in their heroic action against enemy forces since they landed at Lingayen on January 9 this year.

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